

NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): SCALPEL BLADE HOLDER AND SCALPEL

By (Inventors): Frank ZIEMER

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-7; 3 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ Use Figure 4 for front page of Publication.
- ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- ☐ This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
- (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
- ☒ This patent application is assigned to SIS AG Surgical Instrument Systems.
- ☐ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- ☒ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 02405757.2 filed August 30, 2002 in Europe is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
- ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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| BASIC FEE | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 12 - 20 | = *0 |
| INDEP CLAIMS | 1 - 3 | = *0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | |

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| SMALL ENTITY | | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
|--------------|--------|----|---------------------------|--------|
| RATE | FEE | OR | RATE | FEE |
| | \$ 375 | OR | | \$ 750 |
| x 9 = | \$ | OR | x 18 | \$ |
| x 42 = | \$ | OR | x 84 | \$ |
| + 140 = | \$ | OR | + 280 | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ 375 | OR | TOTAL | \$ |

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